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*Variola in the State of Rio Grande do Sul.*

A letter received on the 3d instant from Rio Grande do Sul, in the State of the same name, states that the epidemic of smallpox which has been existent there for some time continues. No particulars or figures are given.

*Bubonic plague in Argentine Republic.*

A dispatch of date of the 31st ultimo states that the existence of bubonic plague in the province of Salta, in Argentina, has been officially declared. The Government has ordered prompt and rigorous sanitary measures, intending, should it become necessary, to close the public schools and churches and prohibit reunions of any sort of the people.

A second dispatch of the same date says that the epidemic of bubonic plague, which is increasing in the province of Salta, is a matter which is occupying everyone's mind at this time. The minister of war has ordered that the troops in the military district of Salta give all possible aid in the enforcement of all sanitary regulations. Up to that date there had been twelve notices of cases of plague received.

The following are the latest dispatches received here:

*Buenos Ayres, November 1, 1904.*—Telegrams received from Salta state that two new fatal cases of plague have occurred. The bacteriological examination in these cases proves that the infection is of a grave character. There were other cases also reported, but of a milder character. Haffkine's serum is to be used extensively in this epidemic. There has been hastily organized in Salta a Red Cross Society, whose objects are to give aid to those stricken with plague and to obtain money for the aid of sanitary work.

*Buenos Ayres, November 2, 1904.*—From the inauguration of the epidemic of plague in Salta there have been to date 25 cases and 15 deaths produced by this disease.

*Buenos Ayres, November 7, 1904.*—From Salta come reports of new cases of bubonic plague. The Government believes that this disease has been introduced from Chile, and is about to establish a sanitary cordon at the frontier.

A dispatch from Buenos Ayres of date of the 5th instant states that during the month of October there were in that city 643 marriages, 2,654 births, and a total of 1,333 deaths from all causes.

*Mortuary statistics of the city of Nitheroy.*

During the month of September, 1904, there were in all in this city 156 deaths, from the following causes: Plague, 1; variola, 46; whooping cough, 2; grippe, 4; typhoid fever, 1; leprosy, 1; erysipelas, 2; tuberculosis, 18; septicæmia, 4; cancer, 1; scurvy, 1; diseases of the nervous system, 8; of the circulatory system, 16; of the respiratory system, 10; of the digestive system, 29; of the urinary system, 3; from puerperal septicæmia, 2; of diseases of the first year (congenital debility is what is meant), 4; from senile debility, 1; from violence, 1, and from unknown cause, 1. Stillbirths, 10. Males, 80; females, 76. Natives, 143; foreigners, 12; unknown nationality, 1. Less than 1 year old, 31; 1 to 5, 26; 5 to 10, 4; 10 to 20, 13; 20 to 30, 32; 30 to 40, 17; 40 to 50, 19; 50 to 60, 3; and more than 60 years, 11. During the same period there were 37 marriages registered and 157 births.